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## SPECIAL NOTICE

See page 5 of the February 1960 issue of this report for "Notice of Possible Discontinuance of Separate Summarized Totals for United States Export and Import Trade with the Dependencies of Western Europe."

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## IMPORT TRADE BY COUNTRY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the slight increase in United States general imports from \$1,257.4 million in April to \$1,259.5 million in May reflected increases in imports from some areas which were offset by declines in imports from others. Changes in the dollar value of general imports from all areas from April to May are as follows: Canada, from \$225.3 to \$254.3 million; Latin American Republics, from \$306.4 to \$308.5 million; Western Europe, from \$373.0 to \$363.3 million; dependencies of Western Europe, from \$80.8 to \$79.3 million; and "all other countries," from \$271.8 to \$254.0 million.

The Bureau also pointed out that decreases occurred in general imports from O.E.E.C. countries from \$363.3 to \$354.6 million and from sterling area countries, from \$221.0 to \$213.2 million. Increases were reported in imports from the continents of North America and Africa.

The rise in imports from North America from \$365.8 million in April to \$410.6 million in May was due primarily to the increase in imports from Canada, as noted above, and to increases in imports from Cuba, from \$48.2 to \$60.3 million and the Dominican Republic, from \$5.4 to \$8.3 million. Small gains in imports from many

of the individual countries of Africa accounted for the rise in imports from that continent from \$45.5 to \$51.4 million.

During the period, decreases were reported in imports from the four remaining continents. Imports from Asia dropped from \$239.1 to \$222.3 million. The bulk of this decrease was accounted for by declines in imports from Japan, from \$100.2 to \$96.0 million; Federation of Malaya, from \$15.8 to \$12.1 million; Kuwait, from \$11.9 to \$9.2 million; and the Republic of the Philippines, from \$26.5 to \$23.8 million. The decline in imports from South America from \$200.4 to \$186.2 million was due in part to lower levels of imports from Venezuela, from \$84.2 to \$72.5 million; Chile, from \$17.0 to \$13.8 million; and Peru, from \$12.9 to \$10.0 million. Imports from Europe fell from \$381.6 to \$367.9 million owing chiefly to decreases in imports from individual countries of this continent as follows: Italy, from \$36.3 to \$27.3 million; West Germany, from \$77.4 to \$72.9 million; France, from \$38.0 to \$35.1 million; and Poland and Danzig, from \$4.7 to \$1.8 million. Imports from Australia and Oceania declined from \$24.9 to \$21.0 million as a drop in imports from Australia, from \$14.7 to \$7.0 million, was partly offset by an increase in imports from New Zealand, from \$10.1 to \$12.8 million.

## EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

**COVERAGE:** Import statistics include merchandise imported by government agencies as well as by private importers, but exclude American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions is not included in this report but the import trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States import trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in import statistics.

**COUNTRY DEFINITION:** Though the country which should be reported in the statistics as the country of origin is defined as the country where the merchandise was grown, mined or manufactured, the country actually shown in the statistics may in an number of cases represent some other country, such as the country of purchase, lading or the country in which mixed lots of various origin are consolidated. It follows, therefore, that imports from such merchanting or transshipment countries are likely to be overstated and imports from other countries correspondingly understated.

**VALUATION:** Import values are, in general, based on market price or selling price, and are, in general, f.o.b. the exporting country. They exclude United States import duties. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

**EFFECT OF SAMPLING:** Formal entry shipments valued less than \$100 and informal entry shipments valued \$250 or less (less than one percent of total import value) are estimated by sampling. The estimated values are included in the area, continent, and country totals in the table. The variability in the import figures due to sampling is no more than three percent or less than \$50,000. For further information regarding the sampling procedures, see the "Explanation of the Sampling Procedure for Estimating Low Valued Imports" in the foreword of Report No. FT 110. The largest variation from rounding of figures is \$50,000.

Further information regarding coverage, country definition, valuation, etc., is contained in the "General Explanation" in foreword of Report No. FT 110. For complete statement, see the foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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## UNITED STATES GENERAL IMPORTS, BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: MAY 1960 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(In millions of dollars. N.e.c. indicates not elsewhere classified. General imports are a total of imports for immediate consumption plus entries into bonded warehouses. Figures for 1960 are as originally issued and have not been revised to include published corrections. Figures for 1959 include revisions published with the December 1959 reports, or earlier, but do not include revisions published during 1960. See "Explanation of Statistics" for information on sampling procedures and effect thereof on the data shown.)

Continent and country <sup>1</sup>	May 1960	April 1960	May 1959	Monthly average 1959
Total trade.....	1,259.5	1,257.4	1,263.8	1,267.7
Western Europe.....	363.3	373.0	387.7	376.9
Dependencies of Western Europe.....	79.3	80.8	68.1	83.3
Canada.....	254.3	225.3	264.5	253.4
Latin American Republics.....	308.5	306.4	305.9	301.2
All other countries.....	254.0	271.8	237.6	252.8
O.E.E.C. countries.....	354.6	363.3	374.2	363.3
Sterling area countries.....	213.2	221.0	227.2	223.8
North America.....	410.6	365.8	402.7	386.3
Greenland <sup>a</sup> .....	0.1	(*)	0.1	0.1
Canada (including Newfoundland and Labrador).....	254.3	225.3	264.5	253.4
Miquelon and St. Pierre Islands <sup>d</sup> .....	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Mexico <sup>a</sup> .....	40.1	38.8	40.4	36.4
Guatemala <sup>a</sup> .....	4.3	4.4	4.8	5.4
British Honduras <sup>b,d</sup> .....	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
El Salvador <sup>a</sup> .....	1.4	1.5	3.0	3.1
Honduras <sup>a</sup> .....	3.8	2.7	3.9	2.1
Nicaragua <sup>a</sup> .....	1.0	1.8	1.2	1.3
Costa Rica <sup>a</sup> .....	1.9	2.3	3.1	2.7
Republic of Panama <sup>a</sup> .....	2.5	2.3	1.9	2.1
Canal Zone.....	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Bermuda <sup>b,d</sup> .....	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Bahamas <sup>b,d</sup> .....	0.6	0.8	1.0	1.0
Cuba <sup>a</sup> .....	60.3	48.2	49.6	39.5
Jamaica <sup>b,d</sup> .....	4.5	4.3	3.2	3.9
Haiti <sup>a</sup> .....	1.8	1.6	1.2	1.4
Dominican Republic <sup>a</sup> .....	8.3	5.4	6.5	6.3
Leeward and Windward Islands <sup>b,d</sup> .....	(*)	0.1	(*)	0.2
Barbados <sup>b,d</sup> .....	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1
Trinidad and Tobago <sup>b,d</sup> .....	4.2	4.4	3.9	3.7
Netherlands Antilles <sup>d</sup> .....	21.1	21.1	13.7	23.3
French West Indies <sup>d</sup> .....	(*)	(*)	0.1	(*)
South America.....	186.2	200.4	193.3	203.8
Colombia <sup>a</sup> .....	24.0	18.8	30.8	28.3
Venezuela <sup>a</sup> .....	72.5	84.2	62.4	74.2
British Guiana <sup>b,d</sup> .....	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.4
Surinam <sup>d</sup> .....	2.5	2.8	2.5	2.3
French Guiana <sup>d</sup> .....	...	...	0.2	0.1
Ecuador <sup>a</sup> .....	4.3	4.5	4.3	5.0
Peru <sup>a</sup> .....	10.0	12.9	8.6	9.9
Bolivia <sup>a</sup> .....	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.6
Chile <sup>a</sup> .....	13.8	17.0	15.8	17.7
Brazil <sup>a</sup> .....	47.7	47.4	53.8	52.4
Paraguay <sup>a</sup> .....	0.4	0.3	0.9	0.7
Uruguay <sup>a</sup> .....	1.3	2.4	1.4	1.5
Argentina <sup>a</sup> .....	8.6	9.3	12.1	10.5
Falkland Islands <sup>b,d</sup> .....	...	...	...	...
Europe.....	367.9	381.6	393.9	384.0
Iceland <sup>b,c,e</sup> .....	0.6	0.9	1.3	1.0
Sweden <sup>c,e</sup> .....	13.4	15.5	16.3	15.4
Norway <sup>c,e</sup> .....	4.0	5.1	8.0	8.3
Denmark <sup>c,e</sup> .....	7.6	7.0	9.3	8.7

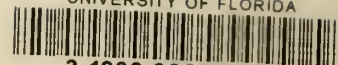
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## UNITED STATES GENERAL IMPORTS, BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN: MAY 1960 AND SELECTED PERIODS--Continued

Continent and country <sup>1</sup>	May 1960	April 1960	May 1959	Monthly average 1959
Europe--Continued				
United Kingdom <sup>b,c,e</sup> .....	94.2	88.5	102.5	94.8
Ireland (Eire) <sup>b,c,e</sup> .....	1.6	3.3	1.5	2.2
Netherlands <sup>c,e</sup> .....	19.1	19.7	19.8	18.1
Belgium and Luxembourg <sup>c,e</sup> .....	31.8	31.2	34.8	34.7
France <sup>c,e</sup> .....	35.1	38.0	43.4	38.5
West Germany <sup>c,e</sup> .....	72.9	77.4	75.2	76.5
East Germany.....	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3
Austria <sup>c,e</sup> .....	3.6	4.3	4.1	4.7
Czechoslovakia.....	1.1	1.2	0.8	1.0
Hungary.....	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Switzerland <sup>c,e</sup> .....	16.6	15.4	13.6	16.3
Finland <sup>c</sup> .....	5.0	5.5	3.7	4.1
Estonia.....	...	...	(*)	(*)
Latvia.....	...	...	...	(*)
Lithuania.....	(*)	...	...	...
Poland and Danzig.....	1.8	4.7	2.6	2.7
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.....	1.2	2.2	1.0	2.4
Azores <sup>d</sup> .....	0.1	(*)	0.1	0.1
Spain <sup>c,e</sup> .....	7.7	9.0	6.5	6.5
Portugal <sup>c,e</sup> .....	3.7	2.9	2.4	2.2
Gibraltar <sup>b,d</sup> .....	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Malta, Gozo, and Cyprus <sup>b,d</sup> .....	(*)	(*)	1.0	0.2
Italy <sup>c,e</sup> .....	27.3	36.3	31.9	32.3
Free Territory of Trieste <sup>c,e</sup> .....	(*)	...	(*)	(*)
Yugoslavia <sup>c</sup> .....	3.7	4.2	3.3	3.1
Albania.....	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Greece <sup>c,e</sup> .....	2.7	2.8	1.7	2.8
Rumania.....	(*)	0.1	0.2	0.1
Bulgaria.....	0.1	(*)	0.1	0.1
Turkey <sup>c,e</sup> .....	12.7	6.0	8.4	6.9
Asia.....	222.3	239.1	203.4	216.3
United Arab Republic (Syria Region).....	1.3	0.4	0.5	0.8
Lebanon.....	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.3
Iraq (Mesopotamia).....	2.2	2.2	3.0	2.9
Iran (Persia).....	5.7	7.5	4.4	4.2
Israel.....	2.1	1.8	1.8	2.3
Palestine.....	...	...	...	(*)
Jordan <sup>b</sup> .....	(*)	...	(*)	(*)
Kuwait <sup>b,d</sup> .....	9.2	11.9	10.1	13.2
Saudi Arabia.....	2.8	2.5	4.3	4.2
Arabia Peninsula States, n.e.c.....	0.1	1.0	0.6	0.2
Aden <sup>b,d</sup> .....	(*)	...	(*)	(*)
State of Bahrein <sup>b,d</sup> .....	(*)	0.3	(*)	0.1
Afghanistan.....	0.5	1.8	0.8	1.4
India <sup>b</sup> .....	19.5	18.7	18.1	17.3
Pakistan <sup>b</sup> .....	2.8	3.0	3.8	2.9
Nepal.....	...	(*)	...	(*)
Ceylon <sup>b</sup> .....	3.2	3.9	3.3	2.9
Burma <sup>b</sup> .....	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2
Thailand (Siam).....	5.7	5.7	7.6	7.5
Viet-Nam.....	0.3	0.1	0.8	0.9
Laos.....	...	...	...	(*)
Cambodia.....	0.4	0.6	0.6	1.1
Federation of Malaya <sup>b</sup> .....	12.1	15.8	10.5	13.3
Colony of Singapore; British Borneo <sup>b,d</sup> .....	1.7	2.0	1.7	2.4
Republic of Indonesia.....	17.5	16.4	13.6	15.9
Republic of the Philippines.....	23.8	26.5	27.8	26.0
Macao (Macau) <sup>d</sup> .....	0.1	0.1	0.1	(*)
Portuguese Asia, n.e.c. <sup>d</sup> .....	0.1	0.1	...	(*)
Southern and Southeastern Asia, n.e.c.....	...	(*)	...	(*)
China (including Manchuria).....	(*)	(*)	0.1	(*)
Outer Mongolia.....	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.6

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Continent and country <sup>1</sup>	May 1960	April 1960	May 1959	Monthly average 1959
Asia--Continued				
North Korea.....	...	...	...	(*)
Republic of Korea.....	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
Hong Kong <sup>b,d</sup> .....	12.3	13.5	9.6	8.3
Taiwan (Formosa).....	1.6	1.6	0.8	1.2
Japan.....	96.0	100.2	78.0	85.7
Nansei and Nanpo Islands, n.e.c.....	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1
Australia and Oceania.....	21.0	24.9	28.3	28.1
Australia <sup>b</sup> .....	7.0	14.7	16.7	16.4
New Guinea <sup>b</sup> .....	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
New Zealand <sup>b</sup> .....	12.8	10.1	11.5	11.3
British Western Pacific Islands <sup>b,d</sup> .....	0.2	(*)	0.1	0.1
French Pacific Islands <sup>d</sup> .....	0.2	(*)	(*)	0.1
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.....	0.8	(*)	...	0.2
Africa.....	51.4	45.5	42.3	49.2
Morocco.....	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.9
Algeria <sup>d</sup> .....	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.1
Tunisia.....	(*)	(*)	0.7	0.2
Libya <sup>b</sup> .....	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
United Arab Republic (Egypt Region).....	4.4	3.4	0.4	1.4
Sudan.....	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5
Canary Islands <sup>d</sup> .....	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Spanish Africa, n.e.c. <sup>d</sup> .....	(*)	0.3	(*)	(*)
Cameroun.....	0.2	0.9	0.6	0.8
French Equatorial Africa <sup>d</sup> .....	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3
French West Africa and Republic of Togo <sup>d</sup> .....	1.5	1.0	1.5	2.1
Ghana <sup>b</sup> .....	4.3	6.3	7.1	5.3
Nigeria <sup>b,d</sup> .....	3.3	3.7	2.9	2.7
British West Africa, n.e.c. <sup>b,d</sup> .....	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.3
Madeira Islands <sup>d</sup> .....	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Angola <sup>d</sup> .....	2.9	1.6	1.2	2.6
Western Portuguese Africa, n.e.c. <sup>d</sup> .....	0.1	...	0.1	0.2
Liberia.....	3.9	2.7	2.5	3.5
Belgian Congo <sup>d</sup> .....	5.5	4.1	7.0	8.9
Somaliland.....	(*)	0.1	0.1	0.1
Ethiopia (Abyssinia).....	4.4	3.9	2.1	1.3
French Somaliland <sup>d</sup> .....	(*)	0.1	(*)	(*)
British Somaliland <sup>b,d</sup> .....	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Seychelles and Dependencies <sup>b,d</sup> .....	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Mauritius and Dependencies <sup>b,d</sup> .....	...	...	...	(*)
British East Africa <sup>b,d</sup> .....	5.8	4.5	3.4	3.4
Mozambique <sup>d</sup> .....	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.3
Madagascar (Malgache Republic) <sup>d</sup> .....	0.9	2.0	1.0	1.0
Union of South Africa <sup>b</sup> .....	9.7	8.5	7.6	9.9
Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland <sup>b</sup> .....	1.9	0.5	2.1	3.1

<sup>a</sup>Latin American Republics. <sup>b</sup>Sterling area countries. <sup>c</sup>Western Europe. <sup>d</sup>Dependencies of Western Europe. <sup>e</sup>O.E.E.C. (Organization for European Economic Co-operation) countries. \*Indicates less than \$50,000. <sup>1</sup>For definitions of countries as used in this report, refer to current edition of Schedule C, Classification of Country Designations Used in Compiling the United States Foreign Trade Statistics.